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ARGENTINA: The Human Rights Issue

Political, labor, and religious leaders have rejected the government's "final" report aimed at justifying repressive tactics used to combat terrorism in the late 1970s. Demonstrators have protested against the document and against the government's decision to absolve lower ranking officials of wrongdoing. At least two high-level police officials have been physically attacked.

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Comment: The human rights issue is unlikely to endanger the transition to civilian rule. Military leaders cannot fully placate either side, however, and they apparently intend to temporize until elections are held. As a result, demonstrations probably will continue and, unless the government issues a formal amnesty for security personnel or takes other measures to allay the fears of the military, rightwing violence will increase.

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